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SUBJECT: JORDANIAN STUDY MISSION

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1. I UNDERSTAND FROM JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR MUSTAFA THAT YARG HAS NOW BACKED AWAY FROM EARLIER ASSURANCES GIVEN BY DEP CIC ABU SHAWARIB THAT YARG WOULD FUND COST OF JORDANIAN TEAM FOR FIRST SIX MONTHS. ABU SHAWARIB REPORTEDLY ASKED TWO JORDANIAN BRIGADIERS TO HAVE JORDAY TRY TO OBTAIN FUNDING.
2. AS NOTED SANAA 1938, KEY TO PROBLEM SEEMS TO BE SAUDI-JORDANIAN RIVALRY OVER FILLING ADVISORY ROLE TO YAR ARMED FORCES. SINCE SAUDIS ARE GOING TO FUND RE-EQUIPPING OF THESE FORCES, IT APPEARS THEY WANT TO HANDLE ADVISORY ROLE THEMSELVES. ACCORDING TO MUSTAFA, NINE-MAN SAUDI MILITARY STUDY TEAM WHICH HAS BEEN HERE ASSESSING YAR NEEDS IS RECOMMENDING THAT JORDAN PROVIDE ADVISERS ONLY FOR SALADIN UNITS. EGYPT WOULD PROVIDE ADVISERS FOR TRAINING AND MAINTENANCE ON SOVIET-ORIGIN EQUIPMENT. ALL OTHER ADVISERS, INCLUDING STAFF AND LINE FUNCTIONS, WOULD BE SAUDI.

3. MUSTAFA SAYS HE HAS ASSURANCES FROM ABU SHAWARIB THAT YARG WILL INSIST ON JORDANIAN ADVISERS. ALL ELSE BEING EQUAL, I THINK THAT WOULD IN FACE BE PREFERABLE. JORDANIANS ADVISERS NOW HERE ARE COMPETENT AND

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POPULAR. MANY YEMENIS SUFFER FROM AN ADVANCED CASE OF

"MEXICAN SYNDROME", FEAR OF ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL DOMINATION OF THEIR GIANT NEIGHBOR TO NORTH. INTRODUCTION OF LARGE SAUDI ADVISORY TEAM WOULD BE LIKELY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THESE FEARS. NEVERTHELESS, IF SAUDIS ARE TO FOOD BILL FOR RE-EQUIPPING YEMENIS FORCES, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR YEMENIS TO TURN DOWN SAUDI TEAM PROVIDED GRATIS, IN ORDER OBTAIN JORDANIAN TEAM WHICH SAUDIS MOST UNLIKELY TO FUND.

4. THERE NO DOUBT IN MY MIND THAT YEMENIS WOULD PREFER JORDANIAN TEMA. THIS IS ONE ASPECT, HOWEVER, OF MODERNIZATION OF YEMENI FORCES THAT I BELIEVE WE SHOULD LEAVE TO THREE ARAB PARTIES TO HANDLE, SINCE USG INVOLVEMENT WOULD POSSIBLY LEAD TO ACCUSATIONS THAT WE WERE TAKING SIDES. OTHER ADDRESSEES MAY WISH TO COMMENT.  
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